

December 2004 - External Stakeholders Meetings

(No written comments were received)

Meeting 12/14/04

Attendees: Leslie Busse
Rich Weber
Todd Watermoellen
Joel Schittone
Frank Ericson
Ed Willucz
Mark Halleen

Context and Background

Review of the Grid - Business Functions and Management Systems

Plan Review:

- How would Tech Review; What is meant by the tech review: Good from consistency perspective; Centralized does not necessarily mean Madison – just one person
- HW dedicated staff good – not much technical review.
- If experts good, need to have enough available to provide coverage. Who would have the ultimate say if differences of opinion? If the HW dedicated staff, they make the decisions, with supervisors approval.

Inspections,.....

- Definition of special waste
- Where does asbestos fall? Confusion over how to manage and how it's regulated. Issues between Air Management and Waste Management. John digressed to discuss the work we've done to define roles and responsibilities with the 2 programs. Meetings after the first of the year, then guidance.
- Green Tier – benefit is the line that facilities can write own ticket. What are we thinking in how Green Tier would work in the program? Example – HW licensing and EMS. Conceptually do away with licensing? Perhaps. Learning experience for state and EPA. Concern over EPA's reaction to substituting GT for license. Do we know how we're going to respond.
- Way in which storage facility managed has been the same for many years, so what is the value of an inspection? Perhaps something in between – concern over EPA coming in even when company does something voluntary.
- Is there something in WI regulations that is state only besides Recycling? No. Air site specific federal rule needed for PCA. HW would get EPA permit.
- Clarification of RU audits – we're going to drop. We'd work on consolidation, other recyclables, outreach. How has that worked? How many have really consolidated? Need to get data.
- Should private companies police their customers. Need to address the communication between the customer and the hauler. difficult with 1070 units
- Concern that there be a driving force to consolidate. \$ should be one incentive to 'force' consolidation, based on economies of scale and # Rus. Be more aggressive than just talking.

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- Example of consolidation successes would be beneficial- intent for outreach and RU days? WCSWMA would be a good forum
- Keep broad perspective – single source collection has benefits and drawbacks

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- Question about enforcement discretion memos. Enforcement discretion memos not used so much in solid waste – memo that identifies certain practices that are signed off by enforcement. Any opportunities for third parties to be involved in the process? How would citizens be involved? Answer that this is for low-risk practices.
- Question about fees for short-term NMM “box”. Standardize for statewide consistency?
- Pollution reduction credits: shared knowledge could result in a “credit”
- Blue-ribbon commission on out-of-state waste recommendation of DNR to governor – look at needs, landfill size, recycling impacts. Todd doesn’t see why we would want to do that. It would be a messy topic. Need National legislation. Opinion that it’s a waste of resources. Results won’t be there. Can’t get any resolution. Waste of time.
- Landfill capacity could be discussed as part of needs analysis. John suggested that Todd provide additional written comments.
- Manufacturer’s responsibility is a huge red flag.
- Ed: Paper Council issue of moving outside the box on beneficial use projects. 1)How address those hurdles. Policy? Staff implementation issue? 2) Mfr responsibility is a red flag.
- Air permitting track and landfill permitting track – how to coordinate them? Especially for the Plan of Operation with regard to New Source Performance Standards. Needs Division coordination. Joint guidance or rules are important. Train staff to understand joint permitting issues and point them out to the applicant early in the process.

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- Oddball wastes – help communities get rid of their “stuff”:
- Beyond compliance – get the word out about Green Tier.
- Targeted citation authority can be very effective.

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Any questions: None really.

Barb presented structures using diagrams of current and proposed options.

Structure:

- Regions are more responsive, Regions act as advocate for the facilities
- When should the Bureau be involved?
- Individual permits set by Regions but consistency, statewide issues be handled by Bureau. Policy handled by Bureau
- Option 2: traditional because staff relate to a set of regulations If structured as overall general then it’s good. Keep the Bureau general.
- Regions experience the urgency.
- Need to assure continuity
- Air has more policy decisions that affect more facilities – consequences for other facilities. Solid waste facilities aren’t a pipe or point discharge.

Discussion of next steps. Also Air vs Waste program processes.

Closed at 3:25. Left at 3:45.

We were thanked for including them in the process.

Mark Halleen talked about renaming recycling to “Resource Recovery” or Resource Reuse” and how to keep materials from being called a waste in the first place to avoid being regulated as a waste.